

**IN THE CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1.-12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A method for reducing the risk of mortality associated with a pathogen in a subject, comprising:

a) providing:

i) a subject having said pathogen; and

ii) an anti-vimentin antibody that binds to vimentin and inhibits vimentin activity; and

b) administering said anti-vimentin antibody to said subject having said pathogen under conditions such that said administering reduces the risk of mortality associated with said pathogen.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said pathogen is a bacterial pathogen.

15. – 19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said anti-vimentin antibody comprises a monoclonal antibody.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said anti-vimentin antibody comprises a polyclonal antibody.

22. (cancelled)

23. (cancelled)

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said subject is a human subject.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said antibody is a humanized antibody.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said administration is parenteral administration.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said subject having said pathogen has sepsis.

28. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein said bacterial pathogen is *E. coli*.